

WE CAN WALLOP CARDIFF

**Wycombe
heroes
head
for
Wales
—and
home**

THREE WYCOMBE players and assistant manager John Reardon will have extra incentive when they meet Cardiff in the FA Cup second round on Saturday.

All four will be going home to Wales.

Wycombe strikers Dylan Evans and Geoff Anthony are both former Welsh amateur internationals.

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Terry Reardon, who plays in midfield, represented the Welsh National Association of Boys' Clubs as a teenager on a parental qualification — though he was later capped by England as an amateur.

Brother John, who has been assistant manager to Brian Lee for the past six years, was born in Pontypridd, less than 20 miles from Ninian Park.

John smiled and said: "It should be quite an

occasion for the whole club. But for the small Welsh contingent it will be even more exciting.

"I think Geoff Anthony summed up how we felt after we had drawn 0-0 with Bedford at home in the first round.

"We were listening to the second round draw in the dressing room after the Bedford game when the announcer said: 'Cardiff v Bedford or Wycombe.'

"Geoff almost fell off his seat but still managed to gasp: 'Oh, mum will be pleased.'

"The whole dressing room roared but after that we just had to beat Bedford."

Wycombe managed — but only after two replays. Cardiff, as a thriving, free-scoring Third Division club — they are currently fifth in the table — will be more difficult.

Reardon admits that Cardiff must start strong favourites but says that Wycombe will not be overawed nor despondent.

Only last season the Rothmans Isthmian League champions reached the third round of the FA Cup where they shook First Division Middlesbrough by holding them to a 0-0 draw.

Then in the replay Middlesbrough won 1-0 at home only with a last-minute goal.



JOHN REARDON ... a final check at his works in S...

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FA Cup Spotlight

By JOHN OAKLEY

"It just goes to show that anything can happen in the FA Cup," says Reardon.

"Cardiff must be hard to beat. They are going strongly for promotion and scoring a lot of goals."

"But the two games with Middlesbrough last season did the boys the world of good and most of the players who appeared then are still with us."

"We shall have quite a lot of support. At least 2,500 fans are making the trip and maybe quite a few more."

Reardon points out that Wycombe have ample experience in the side with players like goalkeeper John Maskell, striker Tony Horseman and defender John Delaney who have seen it all many times before.

And he makes one final point. "There will be an awful lot of Reardons at the match to cheer us on. All my uncles, aunts and cousins will turn up in force from Pontypridd."